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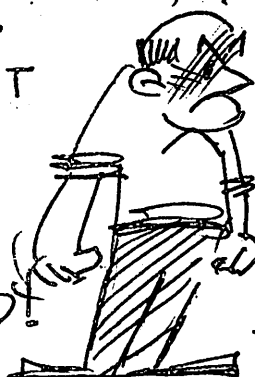
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OPERATION... OLD  
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## THE PREZ SEZ

The Phil-Mont auction which has been traditionally held at the October meeting will be postponed to the November meeting. This comes about by the fact that the management of the Franklin Institute committed the Institute to Major Tate on October 2nd, and precluded our use of the lower area for our auction without considering their obligation to Phil-Mont. This brings up many questions, what is yours?

The nominating committee has been appointed and are scanning the membership to find prospective candidates to preside over Phil-Mont activities next year. Candidates will be announced at the November meeting, at which time nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the Phil-Mont auction.

Ticket sales for the HW-12 drawing are moving ahead under the able direction of W3WNC and a 100% sell-out will make our new communications vehicle project a reality and also make another 75 meter Philmonter.

de W3YHV

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## IT SEEMS TO ME

Phil-Mont has a new project! This seems to have an almost magical effect on the club. Pros and cons are discussed, even argued; members volunteer to help in one way or another and one can almost feel new life stirring in the old body.

Over the years we have undertaken a great many big projects and in prospect the work required, the financing, and the chance of failure, seemed overwhelming in many cases. In retrospect, however, the jobs turned out to be fun, interesting and ultimately, successful- just as the new communications vehicle surely will.

It seems very probable that the secret of Phil-Mont's success and durability is revealed under such conditions. A challenge, a desire to be the best, a willingness to work for the club, and last, but certainly not least, careful investigation and management of the details.

Sounds like a good recipe for success in anything, doesn't it?

de K3KUD

## PHIL-MONT CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Monday	October 2	Regular meeting at Franklin Inst.	8:00 P.M.
Wednesday	October 18	Mid-month meeting at K3HIJ	8:00 P.M.
Monday	October 30	BLURB folding at W3QQH	7:30 P.M.

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## CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

The regular meeting for September was held on Monday the 11th at the Franklin Institute. There were 38 persons present including 6 visitors. Among the items discussed during the business portion were a report on the new communications vehicle (see complete report in this issue); a report on the Banquet by Dick Klein, W3WXC; and a discussion by Hy Hecht, W3WNC, of the plans for the sale of prize-drawing tickets. Hy has planned the operation very well and it should be a success. There will be 1000 tickets sold at \$1.00 each, the sales being handled by 10 teams, each consisting of a captain and 4 assistants. The first prize will be an HW-12A Kit (75m SSB) or \$100.00 in cash, with prizes also to be awarded to the seller of the winning ticket and the captain of his team. The prize drawing will take place at the Banquet on November 11.

The non-business portion of the meeting was conducted by Al Bubeck, K3GNM, who discussed and demonstrated antenna feedline impedance matching, utilizing Smith Charts to determine component values. A great deal of interest was shown by those present and some lively discussion followed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, coffee was served, but in another of Phil-Mont's minor mysteries, no doughnuts appeared. Our coffee maker, Al Hamilton, W3GIF, promises better things in the future.

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The Annual BIG Auction will be held at the November meeting. Bring your goodies to sell and BRING MONEY to buy more goodies. Hy Hecht, W3WNC, will once again officiate. The club takes a 10% commission on all sales, but in no case does the commission exceed \$5.00. If the seller buys back his own material the commission is 10% but does not exceed \$1.00. The auction is open to members and non-members alike.

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HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR BANQUET TICKETS? BETTER HURRY - THE BEST SEATS GO FIRST! Contact Dick Klein, W3WXC, 7 Louella Drive, Norristown, Pa. or Channel 1.

## CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

An important item of business which will be covered at the October meeting is the voting for candidates for the various awards presented by the club at the Annual Banquet. These awards (to refresh your memory) are:

The Leroy Hauser Memorial Award - for outstanding service to Phil-Mont. (need not be awarded annually).

The Phil-Monter Award - for a single or continuing service to Phil-Mont. (annual award).

The Lady Phil-Mont Award - for special service or an outstanding display of interest in Phil-Mont, by a member of the distaff side. (Annual Award).

Iduabmug Award - for an outstanding or spectacular boo-boo in some related club activity.

Please give these awards some serious thoughts in order that no one is overlooked.

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November is the month for nomination of officers - give some thought to candidates for the various positions. Better still, give some thought to serving Phil-Mont yourself. Contact any member of the Nominating Committee and make your suggestions or wishes known.

The Nominating Committee consists of W3AWH (C); W3QQH; W3NIP; W3DSG; W3GOW; K3KUD.

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As expected, we were not overwhelmed by suggestions for a new BLURB cover. The staff has, consequently, asked Sam Kuncovich, WA3CNI, to come up with some ideas which will be displayed in the BLURB and if no comments are received, will be the basis for selection of a new cover by them. No doubt we will receive many critical comments, but since we received no entries in our contest, all comments will be ignored. Speak now or forever hold your peace, as the man said.

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dr. Norman Schreiber, W3HEZ  
1700 Griffith St.  
Philadelphia, Pa., 19111  
Phone: FI-2-6041  
Recommended by: W3WNC, W3OWK.

## THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE

Phil-Mont has embarked on another ambitious program - that of replacing our 26-foot communications trailer with a fully equipped bus. The new vehicle was purchased from the Gross Equipment Company, Boyertown, Pa., (over 150 used busses, any color you want so long as it is yellow). The bus is a 1960, 8-cylinder Dodge with automatic transmission, has good tires and 46,000 honest miles. The exterior metalwork is in exceptionally good condition and the bus is in better shape than many that our fine townships operate daily. In excellent mechanical condition, the bus was owned by a religious school and was traded for a larger vehicle. High headroom (6'-5"), seating in perfect condition, the interior contains slightly more space than our former trailer. Actual size, clear of the driver's seat is 22'-7" x 7'-4".

Present planning includes a complete operating position for each of the following: 75m SSB; 10m AM; 6m AM; 2m AM; 6 and 2m FM; and a RTTY machine. Space is provided for housing the Onan 5CK generator with provision for operation within the bus if necessary. A primary objective is complete air-conditioning (both heating and cooling). A message center chief will oversee all operation with monitoring capabilities for any position. A lounge and galley area at the front will have visual access through a plexiglass wall and passage-way to the operating area.

In addition to the two-way operating positions listed above, monitoring equipment for the various emergency frequencies will be included, as will facilities for connection to domestic power and telephone lines should the need arise.

Financing of the project has been accomplished through the sale of our trailer at a slight profit over the original cost, surplus funds and donations already on hand, and the sale of non-interest-bearing bonds to interested members. If you are desirous of participating financially in this project and have not yet volunteered, contact Jim Spencer, W3QQH, at TU-4-8469. Once again Phil-Mont has a project into which it can sink its teeth. As with our other endeavors, it has been well chewed, proved easily digestible, and promises to be a most satisfying and rewarding dish.

Brad Martin's call W3QV, has been officially assigned to Phil-Mont by the FCC and the membership has voted to assign this call to the new vehicle.

de W3QQH

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Eat, drink and be merry - at the Phil-Mont Banquet, November 11, 1967

Dick Custer, K3KDP, having received his Master's degree from North Carolina State in 1966, has accepted a position on the faculty of the University of Maryland, where, in his spare time, he will complete work on his PH.D.

Dick, his XYL Nancy, WA3AAZ, and their daughter Heidi, are currently residing in Greenbelt, Md. near College Park.

### INCENTIVE LICENSING

At long last the FCC has taken action on the (in ) famous Docket 15928. The following is a brief resume of the August 24 decision:

1. The proposed First Class concept is dropped and the Old Advanced Class is reinstated.
2. Advanced Class will be attained through a new 50 question technical examination and a code speed of 13 wpm, but with code speed credit given to present holders of the General Class License. Current holders of the Advanced Class will retain their status.
3. Novice License term is extended to two years, but 2-meter phone privileges are withdrawn effective 1968.
4. Effective November 22, 1968 small segments of the lower portions of the 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter bands as well as 50-51 mc will be available only to Advanced or Extra Class licensees.
5. Effective 1969, approximately half of each phone band plus 50-52 mc will be available only to Advanced or Extra Class licensees.
6. 3800-3825 and 21250-21275 kc reserved for Extra Class only effective 1968.
7. As originally proposed, the lower 50 kc CW portion restricted to Extra Class only in steps over the next 2 years.
8. The special call sign identification system is dropped.

The above information was excerpted from an Official Bulletin by W3QZO. The complete details of the entire ruling will be available at the Fountainhead of the whole problem, QST, in the October issue.

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Ye Olde Editor would like to thank Lou, K3HIE-XYL, for the very nice letter which contained some very kind words about the BLURB. This sort of thing will probably refuel me enough to keep going for another couple of months.

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Don't forget the Banquet. Time is growing short and we don't want anyone left out. Contact Dick Klein, W3WXC NOW for tickets, table reservations and menu choices.

## IT'S A BARGAIN

"How much for dues?", "Raise the dues!", "Lower the dues!" - Why pay any dues? The ever present question in all organizations.

Sometime ago most of the radio clubs which did not meet in someone's home paid rent for a place to meet. (Dues). In addition there was at least one transmitter and one receiver owned by the club. (Dues).

The West Philadelphia Radio Association met in the YMCA and each club member had to join the "Y". The club was given a room at the top - a cleaned out store room - in order that the radio gear could be safely locked up. Some radio gear was donated but dues were necessary because some items just has to be bought.

Then something happened! - Philadelphia formed a Civil Defense Corps and setup five locations for Control Centers, complete with telephones and even more important, radio gear, the like of which very few clubs could afford. However, this setup was worthless without hams to operate the gear. Immediately, the already formed clubs moved into the Control Centers and joined Civil Defense. Now they had a nice place to meet, all sort of radio gear to operate and no problems.

Why then do we need dues? You can draw your own conclusion, but I am proud to belong to Phil-Mont, a club which shows where your dues are going and the use to which they are being put. I leave you with this one thought: without the trailer, the putt-putt, W3RQZ, W3TKQ, Channel 1, all the radio gear, and Jim Spencer - what need to collect dues?

Al Jorrett, W3OWK

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## SPLATTER

Ye Olde Editor noted that Ernest Henderson, W1UDY, passed away recently. Now this may not be of great import to most Philmonters, but just for the record Ernie was co-founder of World Radio Stores, co-founder and Chairman of the Board of the Sheraton Hotels and although not a personal friend, has on several occasions written some very nice comments about the BLURB. We are sorry to hear of his passing.

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In re our comment last month about the Heath Company losing interest in the amateurs, some recent comments on the air by hams in various parts of the country would seem to indicate that many others share this opinion. Well, right or wrong, at least we are not alone!

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## SWAP AND SHOP

- For Sale:**
- (1) aircraft receiver, 12v. Xmtr will convert to 2 mtrs. Revr tuneable 200-400 kc to accept conv. output. Needs 250v dc supply. Cables, antenna, 7-control head included. \$ 20.00
  - (1) power supply, 12v Heath for sixer or twoer \$ 5.00
  - (1) FM-2 Heath FM tuner \$ 5.00
  - (1) home-built pre-amp w/built-in p/s less tubes \$ 1.00
  - (1) 60 mc strip w/tubes \$ 1.00
  - (3) ARC-5 xmtrs. 4-5.3 mc, good; 5.37mc. each \$ 5.00  
goodgood; 5.37 mc, new \$ 7.00
  - (1) home-built 10m recvr, dual conversion, needs ext. p/s. \$ 4.00
  - (1) Motorola FM recvr P1210 or 7216, less tubes, needs ext. p/s. 10w band condition unknown, but looks OK \$ 10.00
  - (1) Motorola FM recvr. 150-170 mc. Good Cond. \$ 25.00
  - (3) Signal Corps FM recvrs, mfg by Link. 30-40 mc fair condition. each \$ 15.00
  - (1) GE FM recvr for parts \$ 1.00
  - (4) New metal cabinets. abt 12" x 18" panel, 12" deep each \$ 1.00
  - (1) Large 6v Leece-Neville Alternator, 2 volt. regulators, needs repairs, will convert to 12v. \$ 10.00
- Meters: various sizes and ranges, Microamp and milliamp, a few center zero. All good. \$1.50 to \$5.00
- Many items for parts. Come see, make offer

Contact Lloyd Sherman, W3CDY  
KI-4-5864

**For Sale:** Heath Apache xmtr, Mohawk recvr. Matching spkr, mike, antenna relay, SWR bridge.

Contact Bob Schmilewske, K3KUD  
TU-4-0190

SWAP AND SHOP (Cont'd)

For sale: Gonset Communicator II (2 meter)	\$130.00
Hallicrafter S-38	\$ 26.00
Superior tube tester, Model 85	\$ 50.00 (or make offer)
Philco 5" High-Gain oscilloscope, Model 58202	\$ 50.00
Hammarlund HQ-129-X and spkr. General coverage	\$ 60.00
Heath RF signal generator	\$ 15.00
Heath VTVM (ODDP)	\$ 20.00 (or make offer)
Astatic mike, model 151	\$ 4.00
Multimeter BT-D Pecaro	Offer
Elmac xmtr, model A45H	offer
Antenna relay system	\$ 5.00
HB field strength meter	\$ 5.00
2 meter mobile whip	\$ 5.00
Small amplifier	offer
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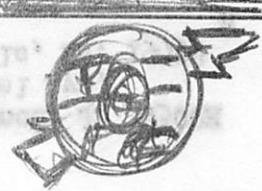
All the above may be inspected at 4701 Overland Road,  
Cornwells Heights, Pa. (near Lincoln Highway and Bristol Rd).

Contact Mrs. Wilson  
SK-7-4695

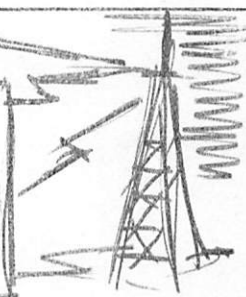
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For Sale: Tickets for Phil-Mont's Annual Banquet, November 11  
at the Alpine Inn. Choice of lobster or roast beef.  
Dancing, prizes. Table reservations available.  
Each \$7.50

Contact Dick Klein, W3WXC  
7 Louella Drive  
Norristown, Pa.

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